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SUBJECT: FAO AND VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP

1. FAO HAS BEEN WORKING ON PROBLEM OF VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP. CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED US THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAS JUST APPROVED FOLLOWING FOUR DECISIONS RELATING TO VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP. (A) INSTRUCTED CCLM TO CONSIDER AT ITS NEXT MEETING THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS THE SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. (B) SEND TO ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF FAO A LETTER FROM THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM STATING THAT IT IS NOW THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL VIETNAM AND SUCCEEDS SOUTH VIETNAM AS FAO MEMBER. DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S COVERING LETTER MAKES NO COMMENT ON CLAIM. (C) INTERNAL NOTICE TO FAO EMPLOYEES THAT CORRESPONDENCE TO VIETNAM SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED TO HANOI. AGAIN, DIRECTOR-GENERAL MAKES NO POSITION ON MEMBERSHIP, BUT USUALLY SUCH A NOTICE OF ADDRESS CHANGE IS ONLY MADE FOR MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. (D) DIRECTOR-GENERAL AUTHORIZED FAO TO INVITE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO THREE FAO MEETINGS PRIOR TO FAO COUNCIL. ALL THREE MEETINGS DEAL WITH FORESTRY QUESTIONS AND WILL BE HELD IN ROME (ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY EDUCATION, COMMITTEE ON FOREST DEVELOPMENT IN THE TROPICS AND COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY). DIRECTOR-GENERAL HAS NOT YET DECIDED

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ON QUESTION OF INVITATION TO FAO COUNCIL.

2. FAO OFFICIAL INVOLVED INTENDED TO PROCRASTINATE ACTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF LETTER AND NOTICE AS WELL AS DELAY INVITATION TO FAO FORESTRY COMMITTEE. BUT SINCE CCLM DOESN'T MEET UNTIL NAVEMBER 4-5, HE WAS NOT SURE HE COULD DELAY ACTION UNTIL CCLM HAD GIVEN OPINION. USG IS NOT A MEMBER OF CCLM. FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE MEMBERS: ALGERIA, COSTA RICA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, ITALY, PHILIPPINES, SWITZERLAND.VOLPE

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